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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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**SUBJECT: CWF Change For The 270/271 Eligibility Transaction**

## **I. Background**

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides instructions for the Common Working File (CWF) in regard to X12 270/271 implementation under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to modify the programming to accept the ISA of the 270 files in position one. Hours will be reserved in the October 2003 release for the CWF maintainer to assist CMS with analysis of identified problems with the 270/271 programming. Therefore, this PM does not impact the Intermediaries, Carriers, Shared System Maintainers, and you are not required to send out provider education information.

## **II. Business Requirements**

CWF programming must be modified to accept the ISA of the 270 files in position one.

**The *effective date* for this PM is October 6, 2003.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is October 6, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after October 6, 2004.**

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